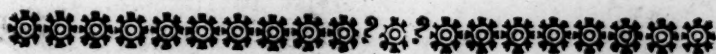


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THE LAST
S P E E C H
OF
JOHN GOOD, &c.

Countrymen and Fellow-Christians,

WHEREAS an Order hath
issued for my being *turned*
off the Stage of this transitory Life;
in these my last Moments it would not
longer become me, to contend with
Unrighteousness, or to dispute against
Power.

I AM

I AM rather prompted, according to antient Custom, to make an open Confession of my own Errors; to give you some Account of my Family and Education; to recollect such of my Actions and Sentiments as were most likely to have hastened this melancholy Hour; and to advise and exhort you all against such a Course of Life, as by my Example may bring you to this untimely End.

PERHAPS it may appear wonderful to you, my Brethren, that a Person of my reputed Prowess and Spirit, should thus tamely submit to this shamefull Period of my Labours.

LET it suffice to be told you, that throughout the History of my Progenitors, our Prowess hath rather subsisted in the Weight of our Arguments than in the Force of our Arms,

Arms, and our Heroism in Patience rather than in Contest: For, *to serve and to suffer*, is the Lot of our House; and, *ingrata Patria*, hath ever been the Motto of the most distinguished of our Family.

INDEED, when I look back to the unsearchable Wisdom of my Accusers, from the Penetration of whose Authority I could not conceal my Intentions, and who have fathomed all my Depths by the Lead of their own Genius; were I disposed to be merry on an Occasion so solemn, I could turn your kind Tears into Glee, and your Mourning into Peals of Laughter; but this *Blazon* must not be for the present; you will find it annexed to the History of my Life, and spare not to be merry when I am departed.

I AM

I AM sensible, that it is a received Opinion among well-minded and Christian People, that all Men are Brothers; All Branches, however warped, of the same Stock; All, Sketches, however bungled, of the same Original.

WHEREFORE, when I come to shew, that it is not from One, but from Two separate Houses, that the Inhabitants of the Earth are derived; when I demonstrate that the Generation of the *Goods* was from Principles eternally opposite to that of the *Giants*; when I prove that those *Lubbards* were created the natural Vassals of my Progenitors; and that it is the *Servant* who is thus exalted above his *Lord*: Let not your Faith be alarmed, neither hold me for a Setter forth of new Doctrines.

I STAND

I STAND here, my Friends, as a Culprit, convicted before the World, touching a late History of my Life and Adventures. The Crimes, that are charged to this History, are not of a light or venial Nature. They are no other than Blasphemy, Treason, Sedition, Faëtion; Disaffection to Majesty and good Government; and universal Malevolence to Mankind.

BUT how, my Brethren, will you be astonished to hear! how will the Enemies of our House be abashed to discover! that this History, so discountenanced by the Caution of Expectants, so suppressed by * * * * * was stolen, almost Word for Word, from an Opera that was acted near six thousand Years ago, and penned by the AUTHOR OF NATURE.

HAD not the Confession, that is expected from all Persons in my unhappy Situation, extorted from me an Acknowledgment of this Theft, it might possibly have remained a Secret to the End of Things: For, in Fact, the Tables and Characters of the divine Original, are so erased by Time, and blotted by Interpolations; and the Enemies of our Family are such utter Strangers both to the Text and the Comment, that they would never have conjectured at the Truth, till the Day wherein *Giantism* shall appear as a Midge, and my Judges shall themselves be brought to their Audit.

THIS divine Opera, of which I speak, was opened on the sixth Day of Creation, the AUTHOR was himself the Conductor of the Drama, the Entrance was human Life, and
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the Theatre was the Bosom of the first Man that ever breathed,

AND the two first Characters, who were appointed to make their Appearance, were the embryo *Giants* of *Ambition* and *Appetite*, who thereafter grew up into *Power* and *Violence*; and as they were formed of the gross Elements of Matter, they retained the tempestuous Nature of their Principles, fiery indeed and devouring, when unreined; but therefore more active for Service, when duly subjected, and tempered to Government.

AND when these *Vassals* were thus prepared to usher in the State of their *Masters*; the Breath of Life came into this Microcosm of Nature, and instantly, *three Characters* of divine Similitude made their Entrance, to wit, *Prime Vizier Good-*
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ness, *princely Reason*, and *imperial Will*; and the Province of *Vizier Goodness* was to influence and incline, and the Province of *Prince Reason* was to remonstrate and enlighten, and the Province of *King Will* was to order and impell those inferior and *elementary Rascals* to their Duty.

AND while *Prime Vizier Goodness* was retained in the Heart and Seat of Influence, all was smooth, all was joyous, all was happy; for he was not an Enemy to the *Passions*, he was not the Killer but the Queller of those *Giants*, and indulged them to the Capacity of their Nature, which was only susceptible of Benefit within the Sphere of their Obedience.

AND *imperial Will* listened with a pleased Attention to the Remonstrances of *princely Reason*, and he was illuminated thereby; and a secret

cret and inexpressible Delight arose within him from every Impulse of *Prime Vizier Goodness*; and while his Orders, so influenced, rather won than exacted a spontaneous Obedience, all Motions within the World of Man became easy, every Action was free, every Wish was gratified, every Capacity was filled; no Symmetry in Beauty, no Consonance in Harmony could rival the Music of a Government so tuned; and in this Subordination of Faculties, this Symphony of Powers, consisted the original Rectitude, the Perfection of human Kind.

AND THUS ENDED THE FIRST ACT.

Now the *Giants of Ambition and Appetite* began to grow apace, and they became mighty in their own Eyes; and they say'd, we will form a *Will* unto ourselves, we will have
a *Monarch*

a *Monarch* of our own Election, and we will dictate our Desires unto him, and we will be in the Place of this *Prince* and *Prime Vizier*, and will rule over him.

AND while they thus caballed between themselves, they turned away their Eyes from the Enlightenings of *Reason*, and grew enraged at the Reproofs and Goadings of *Goodness*; and they began to say unto *King Will*, thou art burdened by thy *Counsellors*, thou hast no Need of these thy *haughty Advisers*; for thou art sufficient unto thyself, thou art a God wise and free from Eternity, and we are Subjects and Vassals unto thee alone, and we will exalt thy State, and be Ministers unto thy Pleasure for ever.

AND by their Insinuations they won upon the Judgment of this
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King, and by their Obsequiousness they attached him to their Party; and these *two Giants* together with *King Will* rose up in Arms as by one Consent, and they drove out *Prime Vizier Goodness* from the Kingdom, and they put *Prince Reason* in Chains; and from this unnatural Coalition and Intimacy of these Rebels with their King, a third *Giant*, called *Iniquity* or *Wrong*, arose, and these *three Varlets* waxed great in Power and absolute in Authority; and they issued a Proclamation, whereby it became *High Treason in any to lift up his Voice against Giants*; and they layed violent Hands on *King Will* whom they had seduced, and they put out his Eyes so that he should not see his Way for ever, and they placed a pageant Scepter in his Hand, and he became their Vassal; and a thick Darknes fell upon the
World

World of Man, and Uproar and Tumult was heard therein.

AND THUS ENDED THE SECOND ACT.

Now, had this Opera ended here, forasmuch as the Period would have been sudden, the Conduct imperfect, and the Catastrophe extremely tragical, and very different from the original Design; the AUTHOR called the banished *Prime Vizier*, and appointed him to make his second Entrance on the Stage, and HE gave him a *Scorpion*, called Conscience, in his Hand, and said unto him,

“ INASMUCH as the World of Man
“ is become a Chaos, and that those
“ of thy Family, to whom the Go-
“ vernment was appointed, are
“ themselves conquered and quelled
“ therein.”

“ INASMUCH

“ INASMUCH as the *Giants* are en-
 “ creased in Number, and grown
 “ absolute in Authority, and have
 “ enslaved their *Prince*, and blinded
 “ the Understanding of their *Sove-*
 “ *reign.*”

“ Do thou re-enter among them,
 “ and deliver *Prince Reason* from Pri-
 “ son, and take *King Will* into thy
 “ Leading; for thou shalt not as yet
 “ be able to restore Sight to the *King*,
 “ neither wholly to rescue the *Prince*
 “ from his Shackles: And do thou
 “ kindle a new Light in the World
 “ of Man, that shall invade and
 “ contend with the Darkneſs there-
 “ of; and be thou watchful and
 “ mighty, and enter into perpetual
 “ War with the *Giants*, and ſtrive
 “ to ſubdue them; and when they
 “ riſe up in Arms againſt thee, take
 “ this *Scorpion* in thy Hand, and
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“ spare not to sting their Guilt, and
“ to lash their Rebellions.”

“ BUT forasmuch as thy Enemies
“ are filled with *Power*, and *Vio-*
“ *lence*, and *Wrong*, and can nei-
“ ther be shamed by Foils, nor
“ wholly slain by Woundings; they
“ shall be able to prevail against
“ thee for six thousand Years; and
“ during this Combat, thou thyself
“ shalt be subject to many Discom-
“ fitures, and Inflictions, and Con-
“ fusions of Face: But in the End
“ thou shalt overcome; and thou
“ shalt take the *third* of the *Giants*
“ and shalt slay him; and the other
“ two *Giants* thou shalt restore as at
“ the first; and that they be able no
“ more to rebel, thou thyself shalt
“ take the Government upon thee;
“ and thou shalt give new Eyes and
“ Understanding to *King Will*, and
“ shalt deliver *Prince Reason* to per-
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“fect Freedom, and they shall re-
“joice to become thy Servants, and
“shall walk the foremost in thy
“Train for ever.”

AND *Prime Vizier Goodness* did as he was commanded, and he entered upon his new Commission; and he spoke Peace to the Tumult, and Silence to the Uproar in Man; and new Light sprung up in his Hemisphere, and the Form of Order was restored therein; and those, who had not known the first World, were delighted at the Beauty of the second.

AND THUS ENDED THE THIRD ACT.

Now, as the fourth Act was appointed to fill a long *Parentbesis*, called *Time*, and yet was only susceptible of a single Action, to wit, the Combat between the Family of

the *Goods* and the Family of the *Giants*; as this fourth Act was solely intended to recapitulate and illustrate the three former Acts, and was of no further Importance than as it was preparatory to the fifth and last Act of this great Drama; the AUTHOR, in order to introduce his grand Catastrophe, with all the Dignity and Variety that the Nature of his Plan would admit, determined to enlarge his Theatre, and encrease the Number of his Actors, without encreasing his Characters, or deviating a Tittle from his original Model.

WHEREFORE HE spread out this Earth for his Stage, and the Skies for his Curtain; and his Scenes were wrought from the several Elements, and in them was hieroglyphically designed and incyphered each Emblem of the future Combat; and the *Spi-*
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rit of *Giantism* spread throughout, and was *prevalent* and *exalted* therein.

HENCE the *Earth*, by Nature sluggish and stupid, grew animated and convulsed through its internal Vacuities, and through its Emptiness it became overswoln and overweening, and in its Pride it shook and made War upon its kindred Elements, and it ingulphed the Water and belched forth the Flame.

AND the *Air* began to murmur, and changing from its native Serenity and Sweetness it rose into Wrath, and exclaimed loudly against the Oeconomy and Beauty of Nature; and it attempted to throw the Ocean from its Seat, and to divest the Earth of its Cloathing and Ornaments.

AND the *Sea* was moved thereat, and it combated the Winds, and foamed against the Earth; and in its
Fury

Fury it would have scaled the very Heavens, for it was enraged that any Limits should be set to its Ambition.

AND through these violent Commotions the *Flame* was enkindled, and it fell on the ripened Corn, and on the Shrubs, and on the Forests; and Opposition but served to administer to its Violence, and it seized on the Shelter of Cattle, and on the Asylums and little Nests of the choir-ing Inhabitants, and ravaged and layed all waste without Mercy.

AND while the *Noisy* thus blustered, and the *Empty* uttered Sounds of Terror, the *barren Mountains* were swelled in their Pride, and elated and hardened in the Opinion of their Dignity; and they arose above the Fertility of the humble and refreshing Vales, and in their *Nakedness* they assumed Pre-eminence,

minence, and claimed the Skies in Right of their Insignification.

FOR the AUTHOR had appointed, in the *Fermentation* of *Giantism* that the *Mean* and *Inconsiderable* should get uppermost, and that the *Light*, and the *Despicable* and the *Detestable* should ascend.

WHEREFORE the *Vapour*, and the *Drofs*, and the *Scum* of Nature, sprung aloft; and the *Stench*, and the *Nuisance* of the Earth were exalted; and they condensed their Powers, and rode sublime, and intercepted the Benignity of the Sunbeams; and they looked down with Contempt on all Fruits, and on all Fragrance; and they blasted the Fields with their Lightenings, and with their Thunders they terrified the Living. And all that was valuable lay low, and the Gold, and the
Gems,

Gems, and the Riches of the Earth
funk from Sight, and were hid in the
Depth, and in the Bosom thereof.

AND the Spirit of *Giantism* en-
tered into the *Beasts*, and the *Fowl*,
and the *Fish*, and into the very *In-*
sects, and *crawling Reptiles* of Na-
ture; and the *Pard* began to glare,
and the *Lion* to roar in the Forest;
and the *Whale* drew the *Fish* by
Sholes into his Maw; and the *Shark*
say'd, in *Voraciousness consisteth Do-*
minion. And the *Hawk*, and the
Eagle, and the *Vulture* soared on
high, and they looked down with
Indignation on the *Spirit of Good-*
ness, where it *bleated* in the Fields,
and made *Music* in the Groves, and
they marked the *Lamb*, and the
Suckling, and the gentle *Robin*, and
the *cooing Dove*, and the *mattin Lark*
for their Prey.

AND

AND when this great Theatre was thus prepared, the DIVINE AUTHOR called forth two Characters from the Bosom of *Adam*, and appointed them to make their Entrance; and the One was called *Cain*, and the Other was called *Abel*; and the First was the Representative of the Family of the *Giants*, and the Second was the Representative of the Family of *Goods*; and the Elder, from the Principles of his Generation, was called the Son of Man; and the Younger, from the Principles of his Generation, was called the Son of GOD.

AND the *Elder* rose up against the *Younger* and slew him; and he ruled alone and begot a Race of *Giants*; and all the Sons of *Enmity*, and of *Avarice*, and of *Ambition*, and of *Violence*, and of *Lust*, and of *Sen-*
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suality, and *the Mighty in Shew*, and *the Little in Signification*, are the Descendents of the said *Giant* unto this Day.

WHEREFORE ; in order to give some Poise to the Scale of Iniquity, the AUTHOR appointed a second Representative of the Family of the *Goods*, who should stand in the Place of his Brother who was slain, and he called his Name *Seth*. And he also prospered, and begot a numerous Issue, who multiplied through several Centuries ; and all the Sons of *Love*, and of *Candour*, and of *Fortitude*, and the *Generous*, and the *Honourable*, and the *Humane*, and the *Great of Soul*, and the *Little of Ostentation*, are the Descendents of the said *Ancestor* unto this Day.

AND in Process of Time it came to pass, that these the Children of
GOD

GOD beheld the *Daughters of the Giants*, and saw that they were fair ; and they said, we will no longer wage War against the *Giants*, but will enter into League and into Affinity with them ; and we will be as one Family and as one House : And female Beauty became to them as a second Kind of forbidden Fruit ; They tasted, They communicated with the Enemies of Virtue ; Nature felt a second Wound ; every Imagination grew incarnate and corrupt ; it repented the AUTHOR that he had brought Man upon the Stage, and he determined to sweep him from the Surface thereof.

AND in those Days there was a certain Poet called *Noah*, who refused to listen to the Enchantments of his Wife ; and growing bold in his Integrity, he lifted up his Voice against a World ; and he warned them

to deprecate the impending Judgement, and he preached to the *Giants*, that All should become *Little* in their own Eyes. And his Sermon appeared as a *Farce* or as a *Matter of Mummery*; and they laughed at the Man, but though the *Earth was then filled with Violence*, they declined to lay a Hand on the *Preacher*.

AND the Waters descended, and the Floods arose, and this *Poet* was lifted thereon above the Heads of the *Giants*; and the Pride of their Stature did not avail them for Wadeing; and the Fire of their Lufts was quenched, and their Offences and their Filth and their Impurities were washed away, and all their Sins were covered. And this *Poet* with his Household alone remained, to renew the present World, and to carry Tidings of the Former to Posterity.

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Now the Earth, thus delivered of her foul and monstrous Burden, began to smile afresh, and to rejoyce as in the first Morning and Spring-Tide of Innocence. But forasmuch as in the House of *Noah* there still remained of the Blood of the *Giants*; forasmuch as this World, an irksome Passage to the Progeny of the *Goods*, is yet the proper Nursery and Province, the sole Heaven and native Element of *Giantism*: Nature began anew to assert her own; the two Families again became distinguished; they resumed their Animosity; the War was renewed; and the *Giants*, as in old Times, were crowned with Success.

AND they built to themselves *Babels*, and erected Monuments to their Glory; and they formed new Governments, and new States, and new Religions; and they became *mighty Hunters*,

Hunters, and Emperors, and Rulers, and Potentates, and High-Priests, and Grandees, and Judges, and Justices, and Taxgatherers, and Catchpoles, and Jailers, and Executioners; and Fear fell upon all Men, and they say'd, surely the Hand of Heaven doth fight for the Giants, for with them alone is Omnipotence; and they payed divine Honours unto them, and worshipped, and bowed down before them to the Dust; and scarce refrained from suffocating those their Idols with the Stench of their Adulations.

AND the *Giants* enacted new Laws, and new Habits, and new Customs, and new Fashions; and they reversed Nature and Reason from the Bottom to the Top; and they appointed to all Men, that Good should become Evil, and Evil become Good, and that the Great should

should appear Little, and the Little appear Great, and it was so. And as Gods they created new Happiness, and new Pleasures, and new Appetites, and new Opinions; and the Substance of Dignity was turned into Shew, and the Simplicity of Honour into Gaud and Equipage. And they ordered that all Virtue should be dug from the Bowels of the Earth, and that all Merit should be weighed in Scales of Bullion, and it was so. And Power was denominated from the Capacity of Mischief, and Wealth from the Issues of Frauds and Depredations. And Truth and Wisdom were levelled with the Dust, and the Traitor, and the Pander, and the Buffoon were exalted. And Hymns were sung to the Deities of Rioting and Drunkenness, and Anthems to the Arm of Inhumanity and Devastations.

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THUS did *Giantism* prosper, and grow, and rise in Stature, and spread abroad in Bulk, till it attained to universal Dominion; so that *our Family* did not dare to shew their Heads throughout the Earth, and scarce the Appearance of Contest remained between Us. For though I can quote a few Instances, as of *Hercules*, *Joshua*, *David*, and the first *Brutus*, where our House have prevailed; yet the *Miltiades's*, the *Socrates's*, the *Aristides's*, the *Phocion's*, the *Scipio's*, the *Cicero's*, the *Petus's*, the *Agricola's*, the, the, the, &c. &c. &c. of our Family, have been *imprisoned* by Practice, *devoted* by Superstition, *proscribed* by Envy, *murdered* by Faction, *exiled* by Ingratitude, *sacrificed* by Ambition, *stabbed* by Malice, *doomed* by Tyranny, *Sacred Victims to Liberty! Martyrs to Truth!*

AT length the PRINCE and GREAT PRINCIPLE of our Family, the LIGHT from whence all Virtue hath received Illumination, the SEED of our Growth, the ESSENCE of our Effluence descended ; and the Heavens bowed down to give HIM way, and the Earth sprung forward to receive HIM.

AND HE came not arrayed in the *Fool's Coat of Giantism*, nor in the *Weakness of their Power*, nor in the *Meanness of their Dignity* ; but over his IMMENSITY, He threw the Appearance of Limitation, and with Time He invested his ETERNITY ; and his OMNIPOTENCE put on Frailty, and his SUPREMACY put on Subjection, and with the Veil of Mortality he shrouded his BEAUTY, lest degenerate Nature should shrivel at his Sight ; and Creation, through its
E Depravity,

Depravity, be annihilated in HIS
PRESENCE.

AND in HIS WORD was Life, and
in HIS BREATH there was Healing,
and Death fled before him, and Sick-
ness grew sound at his Sight, and the
Lame ran to meet, and the Blind
gazed, and the Deaf attended; and
all the Elements were hush'd, and the
Earth trembled with Reverence be-
neath the Foot of her CREATOR.

AND the *Powers of Giantism* were
shaken, and they greatly feared for
their State, and for their Kingdom;
and they murmured that this their
Hour had fallen unaware; and they
said, *Art thou come to torment us be-
fore our Day.*

AND *the Prince of the Giants* took
this the PRINCE of our Family apart,
and he held before him the magnify-
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ing Perspective of the Dreamer ; and he shewed him the *whole Toy-house* of the Children of Men, their *Distinctions*, and their *Properties*, and *Cares*, and *Concerns*, and *Amusements*, and *Privileges*, and *Stars*, and *Ribons*, and *Trinkets*, and *Hobbies*, and *Go-Carts*, and *Revellings*, and *Wailings*. And through this Glass they appeared as of Reality and Importance ; and they shewed like *Kingdoms*, and *Policies*, and *Dominion*, and *Glory*, and *Honour*, and *Pomp*, and *Acquisitions* worthy of *Triumph*, and *Losses* worthy of *Lamentation*.

AND the Prince of the Family of the Giants said unto the PRINCE of the Family of the Goods ; here alone is true Existence, and true Power, and true Pleasure, and true Possession ; and this is the World of high Thoughts, and of happy Atchievements ; and All these Things are

mine, and Whosoever desireth the Same doth Homage to my Supremacy; and I give them to my Minions, and to my Votaries, and I will constitute Thee the Prince and the Ruler thereof.

AND the PRINCE of our Family beheld, and the Perspective was not able to endure his Regard, and the Glass shivered at the Beam of his Eye-----and all the Shew vanished.

AND He looked abroad, to see Who of his Kindred remained on the Earth, and to know Which of them would acknowledge the POWER OF HIS REDEMPTION. But All had strayed as in a foreign Land, and lusted after the Fleshpots of their Taskmasters. And the *Giants* had taken them Captive, and had made them Hewers of Wood, and Drawers of Water, and Caterers for their
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Tables, and Fishers for their Delicacies. And our Family had become as Asses to carry the Burdens of *Giantism*; and as Oxen to plow a Soil, *wherein they had no Inheritance.*

AND their PRINCE had Compassion upon them, and he called them unto him, and he loosed them from the Chains of their Lusts; and with the Balm of his Breath he healed their Wounds, and with the Robe of his Mercy he cloathed their Infirmities. And he widened their Capacity, he stretched out their Existence; he carried them backward where Time was not, and forward through the Tracts of Eternity. And He gave them Dominion over the Clamours of Appetite, and a Scepter over the Tumult of Passions, and Power over *the Principalities of Giantism*, and over Weakness, and over Sin, and over Pain. And he
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gave them Virtue to drink as Morning's Milk, and Wisdom for Food as at a Festival. And he lifted them on high, whence they looked, and beheld this World as a Molehill, and *the Giants as Reptiles thereon*, and they smiled at all beneath as at the Impertinence of a Dream that had passed; for they discovered human Life as a short though thorny Pass, and Death but as a Portal that opened on Immortality. And He poured Affection into their Hearts, and Exultation into their Bosoms; and their Souls were expanded in Delight, and they became as Gods, for Each drunk in the Happiness of All, and with the Arms of their Love they embraced the Universe, as though it had been the Work of their Creation.

AND the *Thrones*, and the *Sanhedrims*, and the *Potentates*, and the *Rulers*,

Rulers, and the high-Priests, and the Elders, and the Judges, and the Placemen, and the Ministers through Hell and through Earth arose; and all the *Powers of Giantism* took Council together. And they summoned their Armies of Tipstaves, and Bailiffs, and Bravoes, and Ruffians, and with a mortal Arm they layed hold on OMNIPOTENCE, and they brought THE JUDGE OF QUICK AND DEAD before the Tribunal of Iniquity. And they accused Him of Misdemeanours, and of high Crimes against the State; for they proved that Righteousness was a Paradox to human Policy, and that Truth was high Treason against their Statutes and against their Ordinances. Wherefore; for his good Works He stood impeached, He was convicted according to the Fullness of Law, He was appointed to the Cross by the Equity of their Administration; and

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THE PRINCE OF PARDON was condemned, the FOUNTAIN OF HONOUR was spit upon; and they scourged the HEALER, and put to Torture THE DISPENSER OF DELIGHTS.

AND all the Elements stood aghast, and the Rocks were rent with Remorse, and the Earth sweat Drops of Anguish; and the Sun withdrew his Face, and the Stars refused to behold, lest THE LAMP THAT FED THEIR LIGHTS should be extinguish'd.

THEN did Heaven pluck the Rein from the Muzzle of *Giantism*, that it might rage without Check or Limitation; and it gnashed upon GOODNESS, as a Vulture it caught the BEAUTY OF ETERNITY in its Talons, and it stabbed at THE SOURCE OF LIFE, and in its Wrath would have annihilated INFINITY. Yet it served but to rend in twain the Veil
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of his Mortality, that his DIVINITY might thereby become apparent. Wherefore He permitted the Utmost of their Malice, that He might shew to all his House and to all his Kindred, how *impotent*, how *inconsiderable*, how *wholly despicable* is *Giantism*; that its *Strength* is *Weakness*, its *Wisdom* *Folly*, its *Wealth* *Poverty*; its *Honours* an *Indignity*, its *Pride* a *Ridicule*, its *Pomp* a *Sneer*; its *Judgment* a *Lye*, its *Pleasures* a *Dream*, its *Triumphs* a *Defeat*; its *Hopes* an *Illusion*, its *Pursuits* an *Error*, its *Possessions* a *Phantom*; its *Ornaments* *Nakedness*, its *Beauty* a *Blemish*, its *Health* a *Disease*.-----And that nothing is *strong*, nothing is *wise*, nothing is *wealthy*; nothing is *decent*, nothing is *ornamental*, nothing is *honourable*; nothing is *pleasant*, nothing is *true*, nothing is *real*; nothing is *hopefull*, nothing is *beau-*
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tifull, nothing is *desireable*-----but
VIRTUE.

THUS, my Friends, although it was expected, that the CHIEF of our Family as at that time should descend, in order to make an end at once with *Giantism*: Yet this the PRINCE of our Progeny did himself declare, that He came not to accomplish but reinforce the Combat; that he came not to bring Peace but a Sword upon Earth, and to put new Weapons for War into the Hands of his failing Fraternity, whereby we are enabled to wage truceless and irreconcilable Conflict with *Giants*, whether they be of the *World*, or of the *Flesh*, or of that *Spirit* who is the *Power* of Both. Till Time shall draw to its final Period, till this *Cerberian Dog of Giantism* shall have fulfilled his Day; when THE CAPTAIN OF OUR WARFARE shall himself return, to
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commence the fifth and last Act of his *almighty Drama*; when the Hugenefs, and the seeming Almightynefs of *Giantism*, fhall be caft to Mockery, and to Spurnings, and to Annihilation; and to the Little, and to the Low, and to the Abafed of our Houfe, fhall be rendered Enlargement, and Elevation, and Glory for ever.

AND now, my Brethren, forasmuch as I have fhewn You, that the *Giants* of my late Hiftory, fo variously and fhrewdly applied by the *Ingenious*, to *Modern Minifters*, *Justices*, *Privy Counfellors*, *Judges*, *Mayors*, *Sheriffs*, *Aldermen*, &c. &c. were no other than the original *Giants* of the great Drama I have recited; that our firft Parent fell by their Rebellion, that on his Ruins they erected their Dominion, that in his Reftoration they were combated but not

quelled, and that the appointed Warfare still subsists between Us: Had I proceeded thus far only, had I limited my Opera to Nature and to Truth as set down and prescribed in the divine Original, that Power is not on Earth who could have called me to Question. But, inasmuch as I added a fifth and untimely Act thereto, inasmuch as I carried the present Times into Futurity, and untruly and injuriously and audaciously set forth that the Might of *Giantism* was already conquered, and that *Goodness* was prevalent and triumphant among Us, I justly suffer the Penalty of this my Error and my Arrogance.

HOWEVER I would not have You be ignorant that I am the least of many Writers, both modern and ancient, both sacred and profane, who have undertaken to treat of these Things. And You will find through-

throughout the Pages of authentic Holiness, that All of this *Reprobate and Enormous Race* have ever been the *Enemies* of Virtue and *Opponents* to the ALLMIGHTY; and that no *Giant* whatever, whether of *Cain* or of *Nimrod*, a Son of *Amalek* or of *Philistim*, hath yet drawn a Sword in favour of Equity; or hath at any time arisen, from the Beginning until now, a Patron of Liberty, or Champion for Truth.

AND in the *gigantic Days* of *Rome* and of *Cæsar*, two *Seers* arose who prophesied of these Matters; and the first was called *Virgilius*, and the second was called *Ovidius*. And the first took his Parable from foreign Parts, and said,

THAT in *Sicily* there dwelled a Nation of tremendous Inhabitants, whose Institution was Iniquity, and whose Prey was Man. And their
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Stature was lifted up in the Height of Ambition, and their Arms stretched forth to the Extent of Power. And their Task was, in the Forge of infernal Operations, to frame Thunders for the spreading of Death and of Terror, and Weapons for Hostility, and Implements for Mischief. But, forasmuch as their *Hands* did outnumber their *Optics*, this Prophet did thereby give his Readers to understand, that the *Authority* of *Giantism* did surpass its *Intellects*, and that its *Force* was twofold the Extent of its *Discernment*. Moreover, he tells Us, that under the Appearance of *Ulysses* and his Train, *Knowledge* came upon this Land and *Wisdom* visited this People : And that, in the Semblance of *Æneas* and the *Gods of his Hearth*, *Piety* and *Hospitality* would have intruded among them. But they looked upon *Wisdom* as an Enemy to their Policy, and on *Piety*

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as an Enemy to the Idols of their Worship. And some of these Messengers they prohibited their Shores, and others they slaughtered, and others they devoured; and the Chiefs of these Ambassies with difficulty escaped, to carry to other Climates the Benefits of their Visitation. And forasmuch as this Prophet, in this his History of the *Cyclopes*, did according to the Nature and Veracity of Things, and gave Glory and Honour and Conquest to *Giantism*, he was approved by the Wealthy, and carested by the Great, and received Praise and Remuneration from the Mighty Ones of his Country.

AND the other *Seer*, even as I have done, took up his Parable from ancient Times. And he lift up his Voice and cried aloud to all People, that *Giantism* was *Iniquity*; and that
Goodness

Goodness was *richer* than Gold, and more honourable than Power.

AND he sung, that in the Days of Old there were *Giants* in the Land, who were the Sons of the Earth and the boisterous Progeny of the Elements ; and they were a People of Magnitude, and Enormity, and Renown throughout the World, and of prodigious Deeds, and of pestilentious Atchievements ; and they grasped the East with their right Hand, and with their Left they layed Hold upon the West ; and with their Heads they appeared to push the Stars from their Seats, so highly did they move in the Pride of their Exaltation. Yet their Steps were not formed to the Ways of Humanity, for they walked upon the Feet of the *Dragon* and of the *old Serpent* ; and they seized upon the Earth with all its Inhabitants, and moved Countries to and fro, and

and transferred Nations at Pleasure. And they said among themselves, what is Heaven that we should fear, and what is Righteousness that we should observe? Our Will is the Law, and our Pleasure is the End, and our Power is the Compass and Execution thereof. And forasmuch as they had heard that there was Equity above, and Vengeance in the Hands of ONE stiled the ALMIGHTY; they proclaimed loud War against Government and against Order, and attempted the Throne and the Habitation of SUPREMACY: And they rent the Hills and the Promontories from their ancient Foundations, and piled *Ossa* upon *Olympus*, and *Pelion* upon *Ossa*; and they scaled the Heavens, and belched forth their Blasphemies in the Face of eternal TRUTH, and hurled up the Weapons of Enmity and Defiance. But JUPITER sent forth *Minerva* and *Astræa*, the
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THUNDERER gave Commission to the Dispensers of Wisdom and of Equity; and Wisdom was cloathed with Power, and Equity with Terror; and the *Giants* were discomfited, and the Mountains which they had reared were cast upon their Heads, they were buried and entombed under their own Operations; and the Gulph opened its Depth and its Vastness beneath, and received them to that final and irremeable Place which from the Beginning was appointed for the Habitation of *Giantism*.

So sung this unbappy and ill-advised Bard. For, inasmuch as he gave Honour and Excellence to *Goodness*, and Discomfiture and Abasement to *the Sons of the Earth*; he became an Offence to *Dignities*, and a Nuisance to *Station*, and they cast him forth from among them; and he was forbidden

bidden to tune his Voice, *save unto Mourning*, for ever.

AND I also, in these the Days of Degeneracy, being the Least of All the Prophets, was tempted to visit the Fallen-off of our Kindred. And there came *Giants* from the East and from the South and invaded the North of these Kingdoms; and in my Zeal I arose, and I preached against the Assailers of our Liberty and the Enemies of our Law; and my Sermon was hear'd through many Nations, and all Those of our House and of our Lineage united as one Man, and prepared to the Battle. And the Abettors of *Giantism* were greatly amazed thereat, and their Courage was apalled, and their Machinations were confounded; and Heaven fought on our Side, and defeated the Host of their Confidence, that a Remnant

of our Family might yet be left upon the Earth,

AND I exulted at this the Prevalence and Triumph of Virtue, and I said within myself, surely the Hour approaches and is even now arrived, when *Giantism* shall be trodden as Dirt, and swept away from among Us, and to my Brethren alone shall be granted Dominion without End. And I bid my Kinsfolk and my Associates to look abroad, and remark, how the Dews of good Government were dispensed as from above, and how All basked in the Sunshine of a happy Administration,

AND, thereupon, I opened my Mouth with Boldness, and I exalted myself against Iniquity; for, I said, that *Power* is with *Goodness*, and will prove a Shield unto Those who combat the Guilty, and a Patron to the
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Exposers and Scourgers of Unrighteousness.

AND I took my Text from the sixth Chapter of *Genesis* and onward, and I preached unto all People, that, *in those Days there were Giants in the Earth, and also after that; and the same became Mighty Men which were of old Men of Renown, and GOD saw that their Wickedness was great upon the Earth, and that every Imagination of the Thoughts of their Heart was only Evil continually.* And thereafter I set forth the History of the Generation and Adventures of *Giantism*, and the History of the Generation and Adventures of *Goodness*, as You will shortly find it written, being a Transcript of the Divine Drama above recited; saving that I added thereto an Act of Supererogation, wherein I did unjustly and unadvisedly aver, that the Day
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of appointed Retribution was come, wherein *Giantism* was wholly stripped of Dignity and Station, and was become a *Pigmy* to the Eyes of the laughing Beholders; and that Wealth, Power, and Pre-eminence was with *Goodness* alone, who should dispose the same in Equity, and dispense the Fruits thereof in Beneficence without End.

AND while I yet spake, all the People shouted; and they cried, Amen so be it! and they rent their Sides with Merriment, and the Air with Acclamations. When, lo! a *Power*, whence I least expected, arose; and a *Giantism*, that I looked not for, came upon me; and the *Stature thereof* was *stupendous*, and it appeared high over *Property*, and over *Liberty*, and over *Law*. And while I stood astonished at the Suddenness of the Vision, It rushed and stopped

stopped my Mouth before I could make my Appeal ; It censured me untried, unheard, and unimpeached, neither suffered me to plead against my Condemnation ; and I was appointed unto Reproof where Applause had been prepared, and unto Death on the very Spot where I attempted Immortality.

AND now my beloved Brethren, forasmuch as the Grave is a Mocker of mortal Malice ; and that I have nothing further to fear touching what *Giants* can do unto me, my only Concern is for the Safety of my Kinsfolk, and my Pannic for the Defenceless among my Fraternity.

WHEREFORE that You may not be surprized through your Ignorance of the *Adversary*, I will give you certain Marks and Criterions of *Giantism*, that may serve as a *Rattle* to warn

warn You when the *Snake* approacheth ; that You may flee if You have not the Courage to contend, or prepare to the Combat if such is your Virtue.

Giantism is a *Bugbear*, a *Monster*, a *Monopoly* ; as where the Head hath ingulphed the Limbs, or the Members absorbed the Understanding. In the *Natural* World it is *Deformity*, in the *Moral* World it is *Wickedness*, in the *Political* World, *Misrule* : Flattery is the Harbinger, and Fear the Trainbearer thereof ; it is worshipped because of its Violence, it is praised because of its Fangs ; though divested of Right, yet it is cloathed with Power ; though it is despicable, yet is it terrible.

TAKE heed therefore that Ye blaspheme not Vice, neither open your Lips against Vanity or Riches ; and
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when Ye see Folly in the Seat of Judgment, or Infamy lifted on high, beware that Ye look not up,-----left Ye be tempted to Laughter.

IN Patience then possess Ye your Spirit; be Still and contemplate, be Ye Silent and remark; for the Force of Giantism is as the Hurricane of an Hour, and its Splendour is that of a Meteor which passeth away: As a Cloud that thickeneth upon the Face of the Morning, it is laden with Tempests, it is big of its Thunders; Yet in the Pride of its Utterance shall it suddenly be brought down, it shall be dissipated by the Mischief which it beareth within its Bowels.

BUT forasmuch as it is not in Man to compass this Matter, neither in the Arm of any Mortal to bring it to pass; thus saith the BLESSED AND
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ONLY POTENTATE, Who mocketh
at all Pride as the swelling of a Frog,
and at Giantism as a Crickett who ex-
alteth himself in his Corner.

‘ MINE Eyes behold, mine Eyelids
‘ try the Children of Men. I con-
‘ sidered all the Oppressions that are
‘ under the Sun and beheld the Tears
‘ of such as were oppressed and they
‘ had no Comforter, and on the Side
‘ of their Oppressors was Power, but
‘ there was no Comforter. I looked
‘ for Judgment but behold Oppres-
‘ sion, and for Righteousness but be-
‘ hold a Cry. For the good Man is
‘ perished from out of the Earth, the
‘ rich Men thereof are full of Vio-
‘ lence, the Wicked walk on every
‘ Side, the Vilest of Men are ex-
‘ alted.

‘ MEN of high Degree are a Lye,
‘ Pride compasseth them about as a
‘ Chain,

' Chain, Violence covereth them as
 ' a Garment; their Quiver is an
 ' open Sepulcher, they are All
 ' Mighty Men, Their Land also is
 ' full of Silver and Gold neither is
 ' there any End of their Treasures,
 ' their Land also is full of Horses
 ' neither is there any End of their
 ' Chariots.

* O MY People, They which lead
 ' thee cause thee to err, and destroy
 ' the Way of thy Paths; for Folly
 ' is set in great Dignity; Bread is
 ' not to the Wise, nor yet Riches
 ' to Men of Understanding, nor
 ' yet Favour to Men of Skill.
 ' Wherefore if thou seest the Op-
 ' pression of the Poor, and violent
 ' Perverting of Judgment and Jus-
 ' tice in a Province, marvel not at
 ' the Matter. For the Earth is de-
 ' filed under the Inhabitants thereof,
 ' because they have broken the ever-
 ' lasting

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‘ lasting Covenant ; they are a pèr-
 ‘ verse and crooked Generation.
 ‘ They make a Man an Offender
 ‘ for a Word, and lay a Snare for
 ‘ him that reproveth in the Gate,
 ‘ and turn aside the Just for a Thing
 ‘ of Nought.

‘ THE Judge asketh for a Re-
 ‘ ward, and the Great Man he ut-
 ‘ tereth his mischievous Desire ; the
 ‘ Best of them is a Brier, the most
 ‘ Upright is sharper than a Thorn-
 ‘ Hedge ; their Wine is the Poison
 ‘ of Dragons and the cruel Venom
 ‘ of Asps.

‘ THEY drive away the As of the
 ‘ Fatherless, they take the Widow’s
 ‘ Ox for a Pledge. They pluck
 ‘ the Fatherless from the Breast, and
 ‘ take away the Sheaf from the
 ‘ Hungry. They make Men to
 ‘ groan from out of the City, and
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' the Soul of the Wounded to cry
 ' out ; by reason of the multitude
 ' of Oppressions they make the Op-
 ' pressed to cry ; they have violently
 ' taken away an House which they
 ' builded not, they drink Iniquity
 ' like Water, and turn Judgment to
 ' Wormwood.

' SHALL I not visit for these
 ' Things, saith the LORD, and shall
 ' not my Soul be avenged on such a
 ' Nation as this ? For the Oppression
 ' of the Poor, for the Sighing of the
 ' Needy, now will I arise, saith the
 ' LORD, I will set him in safety
 ' from him that puffeth at him ; for
 ' the Spoil of the Poor is in their
 ' Houses, upon a lofty and high
 ' Mountain have they set their Bed ;
 ' But though thou exalt thyself as
 ' the Eagle, and though thou set thy
 ' Nest among the Stars, thence will
 ' I bring

‘ I bring thee down, saith the
‘ LORD,

‘ WHEREFORE, Woe unto them
‘ that JOIN HOUSE TO HOUSE, that
‘ lay Field to Field, till there be no
‘ Place, that they may be placed
‘ alone in the Midst of the Earth.
‘ They say, by the Strength of my
‘ Hand I have done it and by my
‘ Wisdom for I am prudent, and I
‘ have removed the Bounds of the
‘ People, and have robbed their
‘ Treasures, and I have put down
‘ the Inhabitants like a valiant Man,
‘ and my Hand hath found as a Nest
‘ the Riches of the People.

‘ HEAR then the Word of the
‘ LORD, Ye scornfull Men! Because
‘ Ye have said we have made a Co-
‘ venant with Death, and with Hell
‘ are we at Agreement; when the
‘ overflowing Scourge shall pass thro’
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‘ it shall not come unto Us; for we
 ‘ have made Lyes our Refuge, and
 ‘ under Falshood have we hid Our-
 ‘ selves: But thus saith the LORD,
 ‘ Your Covenant with Death shall
 ‘ be disanulled, and your Agreement
 ‘ with Hell shall not stand. For the
 ‘ Day of their Calamity is at Hand,
 ‘ and the Things that shall come
 ‘ upon them make haste. There-
 ‘ fore Hell hath enlarged Herself,
 ‘ and opened her Mouth with-
 ‘ out Measure, and their Glory,
 ‘ and their Multitude and their
 ‘ Pomp shall descend into it: For
 ‘ the triumphing of the Wicked is
 ‘ short; though his Excellency
 ‘ mount up to the Heavens, and his
 ‘ Head reach unto the Clouds, he
 ‘ shall be chased away as a Vision
 ‘ of the Night, and the Eye which
 ‘ saw him shall see him no more.

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' BUT the LORD is a Strength to
 ' the Poor, a Strength to the Needy
 ' in his Distress, a Refuge from the
 ' Storm, a Shadow from the Heat;
 ' HE strengtheth the Spoiled against
 ' the Strong, HE shall turn the
 ' Shadow of their Death into Morn-
 ' ing; and his Judgment shall run
 ' down as Waters, and his Righte-
 ' ousness as a mighty Stream.

' BUT Howl Ye Wicked, for the
 ' Day of the LORD is at Hand, it
 ' cometh cruel both with Wrath and
 ' fierce Anger, to lay the Land de-
 ' solate, and HE shall destroy the
 ' Sinners thereof out of it.

' FOR that Day is a Day of
 ' Wrath, a Day of Trouble and
 ' Distress, a Day of Wasteness and
 ' Desolation, a Day of Darknes
 ' and Gloominess, a Day of Clouds
 ' and

‘ and thick Darkneſs ; a Day of the
 ‘ Trumpet and Alarm againſt the
 ‘ fenced Cities, and againſt the high
 ‘ Towers, neither their Silver nor
 ‘ their Gold ſhall be able to deliver
 ‘ them in the Day of the Lord’s
 ‘ Wrath.

‘ AND every Mountain and Iſland
 ‘ ſhall be moved out of their Places ;
 ‘ and All whoſe Habitations are on
 ‘ high, and the Kings of the Earth,
 ‘ and the Great Men, and the Rich
 ‘ Men, and the Chief Captains, and
 ‘ the Mighty Men ſhall hide them-
 ‘ ſelves in the Dens, and in the
 ‘ Rocks of the Mountains, and ſhall
 ‘ ſay unto the Rocks and the Moun-
 ‘ tains, fall on Us ! and hide Us
 ‘ from the Face of HIM that ſitteth
 ‘ on the Throne, for the great Day
 ‘ of his Wrath is come, and Who
 ‘ ſhall be able to ſtand ?

‘ AND the LORD himself shall de-
 ‘ scend from Heaven with a Shout,
 ‘ with the Voice of the Arch-Angel
 ‘ and with the Trump of God.
 ‘ Then shall the Heavens depart as a
 ‘ Scrawl when it is rolled together ;
 ‘ and the Elements shall melt with
 ‘ fervent Heat, and the Earth shall
 ‘ reel to and fro like a Drunkard,
 ‘ and shall be removed like a Cot-
 ‘ tage.

‘ AND having spoiled Principali-
 ‘ ties and Powers, HE shall make a
 ‘ Shew of them openly. And Death
 ‘ shall be swallowed up of Victory,
 ‘ and Mortality shall be swallowed
 ‘ up of Life,

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WHEREFORE, BLESSING, AND
GLORY, AND THANKSGIVING,
AND HONOUR, AND POWER, AND
MIGHT BE UNTO OUR GOD
ALONE FOR EVER AND EVER,
AMEN.

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